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Sent: Tue 3/25/2014 1:03:37 PM
Subject: FW: Oil Spill - Whiting, IN
NRC#1077610
FW: BP Whiting Draft Press Release

FYI

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From: Jerome.A.Popiel@uscg.mil [mailto:Jerome.A.Popiel@uscg.mil]
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:01 AM
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Subject: Oil Spill - Whiting, IN
Importance: High

All,

Please see the initial brief below regarding a spill at BP Whiting from last night. We do not have a lot of the important details yet, like product type, amount released/potential, etc., so much is speculative right now. NRC notification and BP press release are also attached.

We'll keep you posted as more details become available and can hold an information call later today if that would be helpful for anyone. An incident-specific RRT call can also be held if the facts dictate.

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From: Ninth District Command Center
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 3:03 AM
To: D09-DG-District-D9 Notification Pol-Haz-Merch Vsl; D09-DG-District-D9 Notification Senior Staff
Subject: 250702Z MAR 14: MER - Sector Lake Michigan - Oil Spill - Whiting, IN (Initial)

INCIDENT TYPE: INITIAL - MER
DATE/TIME INCIDENT: 242238Z MAR 14
FACILITY NAMES: BP Whiting Refinery
IC: Sector Lake Michigan
GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: Whiting, IN
MISLE CASE: 675336

SITUATION: Sector Lake Michigan received a NRC report (1077610) indicating there was an unknown sheen discharging from the outfall adjacent to the BP Whiting Refinery facility in Whiting, IN.

ACTION: Sector Lake Michigan reported MSU Chicago and EPA personnel responded and found an area of approximately 5000 square feet covered with crude oil. The facility established a command post and deployed approximately 1000 feet of boom along with six vacuum trucks conducting response operations. Air monitoring has been set up and a skim barge has been coordinated to assist with the response with an ETA of 0530 this morning (25 Mar 14). The facility identified crude oil in their number 6 separator and have secured it. It no longer appears there is oil discharging from the outfall. The facility is confident the separator is the source of the discharge, but are currently removing the remaining oil (approximately 200 gallons) in an effort to confirm the separator is the source of the discharge. Case pends.

FUTURE PLANS: MSU Chicago will have personnel on scene at first light to further assess the situation. Air Station Traverse City will be conducting an over flight, and will coordinate having response personnel from MSU on board for the flight.

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